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4. COCKATOOS from Australia, and macaws from Tropical America occupy this cage together with the larger parrots. The enclosure for this noisy, colorful group was built by money donated by Miss Ellen B. Scripps.

5. ECHIDNA, an egg-laying mammal which was brought over in the first Australian shipment, is of more interest scientifically than from any activity he displays.

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7. LARGE PRIMATES. Three varieties of these larger primates are to be found here. The Chimpanzees given to the Society by Mr. Granger, the grotesque Mandril Baboon and the graceful and noisy Gibbons are the greatest attraction to the general public to be found in the entire park.

8. TURTLES AND TORTOISES are found in almost every place on the globe, and are still most unknown, from a scientific standpoint, of any reptile. The turtle pens are the gift to the zoo of Dr. Harry Wegeforth and he is specializing in the collection and study of turtles and tortoises.

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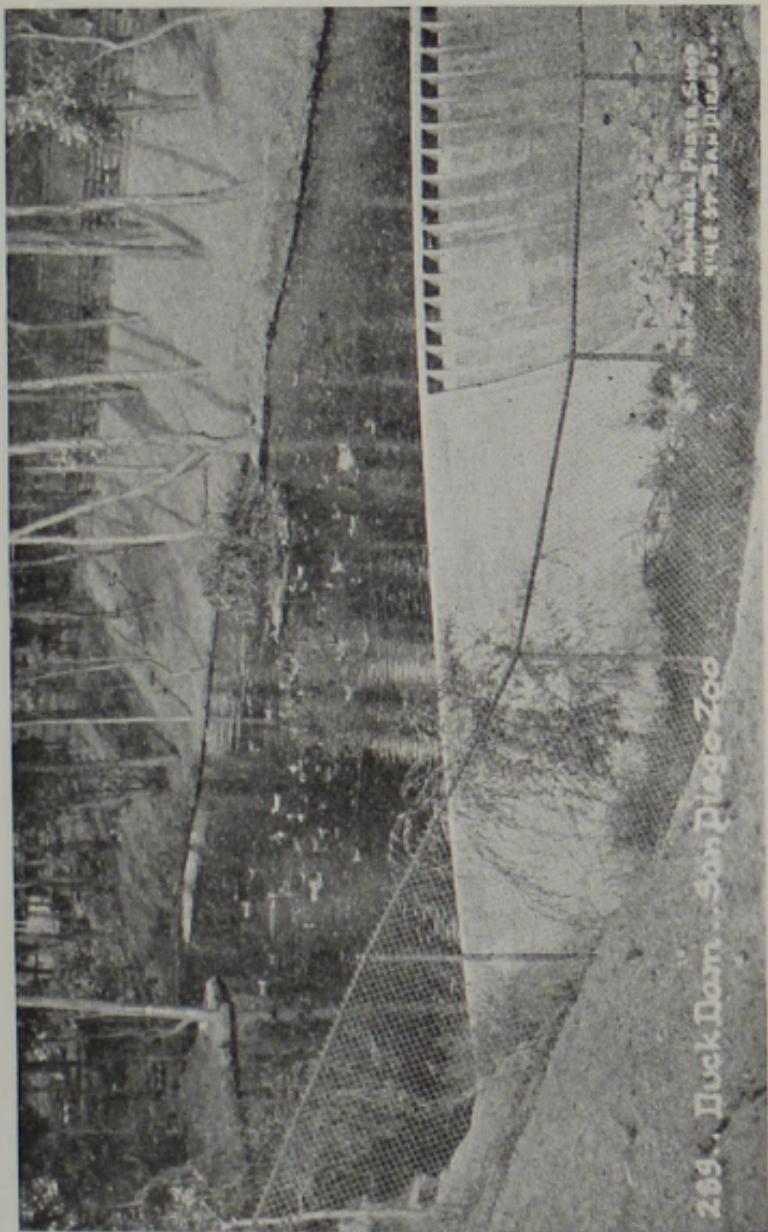
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13. ALLIGATORS, while common in some parts of Southern United States, are a most interesting exhibit in Southern California. These were brought from Florida and donated to the Society by General and Mrs. M. O. Terry.

14. CRANES AND STORKS in quite a variety are to be found in the pens in the lower part of the Grotto Canyon. The sarus, from India, the Comapnion and the African Crown Crane are the rarer species to be seen here.

15. CALIFORNIA SEA LIONS are well known all over the world, being the seal used exclusively for training purposes. San Diego Zoo collects these to distribute to other zoos and trained animal acts.

The Cat Canyon is still in its initial stages. The Leopard grotto built by the late Mr. John Burnham, being the only one completed at the present. The two for the California Mountain Lion and the Panthers will be included in the society budget for 1928. The upper part of this canyon will house the wolves and coyotes.

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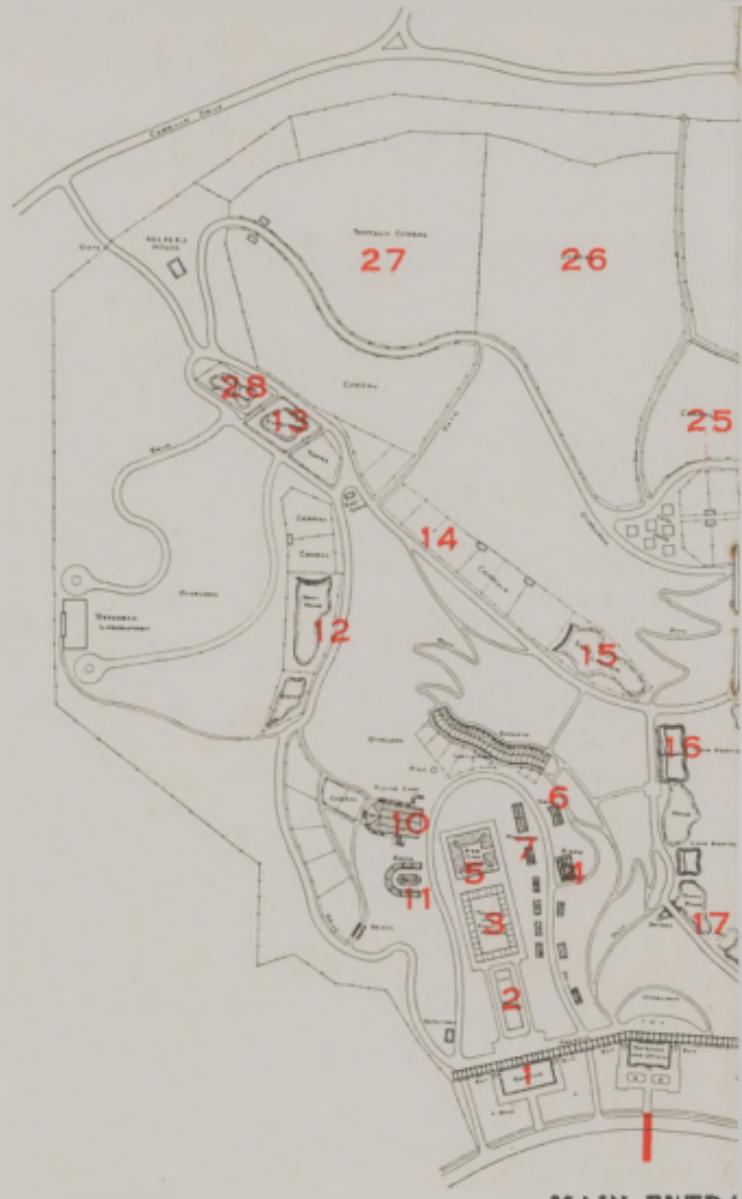
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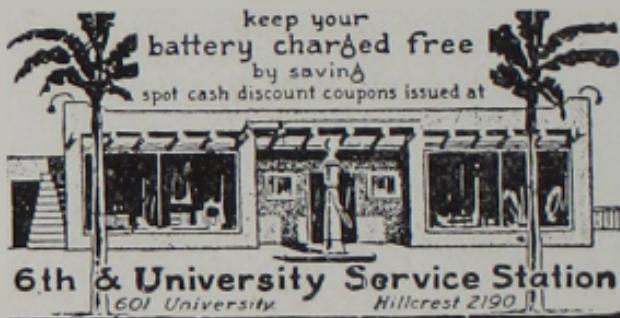
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16. THE TIGER AND LION GROTTOES are a source of great pride to the management as they are the first barless grottoes to be used for cat animals and have become the model for many others of the later zoos. Again Miss Scripps must be thanked as the donor of both of these grottoes.

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18. THE CAMELS were the gift of the Shriners and Barnes Circus. The stockade was paid for by money donated by the Campbell Chevrolet Company.

19. THE ELEPHANTS are kept in a strong stockade reinforced with railroad rails which is built in a way that makes it well nigh impregnable. The stockade with the two large elephants were the donation of the late Mr. J. D. Spreckels. The small elephant was presented to the zoo by Mr. C. R. Holmes of Santa Barbara.

All of the Deer Paddocks and the Sheep and Goat pens were built from the regular funds of the Zoological Society, the money being set aside for the purpose in the city budget for two years. The deer and antelope herds are the most numerous in the number of species represented of any mammals in the zoo. The elk enclosure was built by the members of the San Diego Lodge No. 168, B. P. O. E.

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The Bear den does double duty, being tenanted alternately by the Polar Bears and the five other varieties which will live at peace with each other but not the Polars. The canyon just below this grotto is set aside for several more grottoes in the near future. This is another grotto, funds for the completion of which were donated by Miss Scripps.



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The present site of the garden was set aside by the Board of Park Commissioners as a permanent Zoological Garden on September 23, 1921. During the following month this action was confirmed by the Common Council of San Diego. During this same year the bear pit was built, the reptile house fitted for occupancy and various groups of animals purchased and collected into the best possible quarters in the part of the park assigned to them. The society had gained possession of the Standard Oil building, and as it became necessary to move it into the position it was to occupy an architect and a landscape gardener were employed to lay out the grounds, plan the necessary construction work and generally take the necessary preliminary steps to prepare the Zoological exhibit to the satisfaction of the Board of Park Commissioners and the society.

The fence line was started in September, 1922. All of the work previous to this had been greatly interrupted and retarded by the entry of the United States into the World War, and by the unsettled condition of things immediately following the cessation of hostilities. Conjuratively with the building of the fence came the construction of the Buffalo corral, the paddocks for some of the bay stock and the large bird pens. The burro track and many of the nearer roads



ONE OF THE THREE POLAR BEARS WHICH  
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and trails were started during this year. The pools and ponds for water fowl exclusive of the two dams were built. The work of organization was greatly accelerated during the year 1922, a membership in the society of 900 being secured. The Board of Directors as individuals were busily occupied in securing donations to carry on the work of construction as laid out by the architect and landscape engineer.

Therefore it is not surprising that the year 1923 is the banner year so far as the active development of the garden is concerned. During this twelve months the following work was completed or practically completed. The Leopard Grotto, the group for small primates was finished and the large ones begun; Mirror Lagoon, Camel and Elephant Stockades, Pigeon, Parrott and Eagle cage for birds of prey as well as large flying cages were finished and filled with specimens. The Lion and Tiger Grottoes were built. The two cement dams for the sea-lion and water fowl were completed. In addition to the housing of the animals suitable offices and administration buildings were secured, removed to the Zoological Society territory and renovated by money donated for the purpose by Mr. and Mrs. Patrick O'Rourke. The three keepers' houses were provided, the refrigeration plant installed and a lunch room established. This construction work of cages and enclosures was augmented by a great deal of work upon the roads and trails, as well as much tree planting, all of this work being done under the supervision of the Park Superintendent.

The year of 1924 saw less construction work as the period of excessive expansion would necessarily come to an end when the number of exhibits acquired would justify a slight retrenchment. Also the cost of operation had reached such a size that all of the society's resources were taxed to the limit to properly care for the maintenance of the exhibit. However, this year



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The year 1925 was the first year that the society was able to set aside in the city budget funds for permanent improvements. This allowance built the first unit of the deer paddocks and gave further opportunity to construct real roads suitable for traffic. The Forward cage and turtle pens were built during the year out of money donated for the purpose.

In 1926 the deer paddocks and goat and sheep enclosures were finished and the second comfort station was built. About 5000 trees were planted during this year. The buses, a donation to the society, were put into operation, the proceeds of which will build bird cages. The Zoological Hospital and Research Laboratory was well begun, the educational department put into full operation and an expensive new road connecting the new building with the zoological garden proper laid out and graded. The current year of 1927 has seen the organization in the position to put final perfecting touches on many of the things which were left in an imperfect condition during the strenuous years of excessive expansion. The Research Building was completed, the ponds and dams all cemented, drains enlarged and a drainage system put under the roads and trails to prevent washing. The large flying cage repainted and repaired. A second expedition to Australia was also successfully completed. A new bird cage group is under construction.

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